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Summer road construction begins between McCall and New Meadows on Idaho 55

BOISE- Drivers should plan extra time when traveling on Idaho 55 between McCall and New Meadows this summer. The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will be removing trees, widening the shoulders and repaving the roadway to enhance safety and visibility on Goose Creek Grade.

Starting Monday (June 15), Goose Creek Grade will be reduced to one lane in the work zone with flaggers directing traffic in alternating directions. Traffic will be stopped for periods of up to 30 minutes. Two temporary signals will also be located on either end of the work zone.

Work will be completed Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday until noon.

In addition, rock blasting will require several closures of up to two hours each. Blasting will occur between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. ITD will work on removing rock and clearing trees in order to smooth several curves. ITD will provide five days advanced notice for rock blasting.

Throughout construction, the speed limit in the work zone is 35 mph.

Construction is expected to be completed by October 2015. To sign up for email construction updates, contact ITD at comments@itd.idaho.gov, visit the project website at www.itd.idaho.gov/Projects/D3/GooseCreekGrade or call (208) 334-8005.

Knife River, of Boise, is the contractor for this \$3.1 million road-maintenance project.

ITD and the Idaho State Police advise motorists to slow down and pay attention when driving in work zones, where increased speeding fines and other penalties apply. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and dial 5-1-1 or visit 511.idaho.gov for information on the state highway or interstate system.